



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

*Safeguarding
Hoosiers by
Planning,
Preparing and
Responding*

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IDHS' New Mobile Command Center Arrives

IDHS has a new arrival! The department's highly anticipated Mobile Command Center (MCC) took up residency at Stout Field in Indianapolis earlier this month. The gleaming navy blue MCC houses numerous state of the art capabilities and will soon stand ready to respond to events throughout the state.

MCC at a Glance...

- 53 feet long
- Expandable to 15 feet wide
- Operates on a 80 kilowatt generator or stationary power
- 42-inch smart board/flat screen capable of working with GIS system or serving as a large screen display for op-

erational information

- 42-inch flat screen for video conferencing
- 52-foot telescoping mast with 360-degree tilt/pan/zoom camera capable of supporting additional antennas, if required
- Wireless weather station to provide constant weather updates



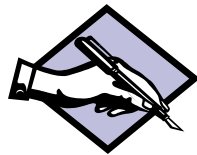
Above: IDHS' new Mobile Command Center parked at Stout Field in Indianapolis.

- Accommodates a standard crew of 12 with capability of expanding to a crew of 21
- MCC crew consists of IDHS staff and all major response agencies and support personnel
- 21 workstations each with a designated laptop supported by two servers
- GIS workstation with large-scale plotter to provide mapping and other essential services
- Communications capabilities include:

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- ◆ Satellite system for data and telephones
- ◆ Intergrated telephone system to provide cell, satellite or hard line capabilities
- ◆ Nine radio workstations to provide each response agency with their own talk

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From the Desk of Director Dietz

The top of the IDHS Web site homepage simply states what we do day in and day out: "Safeguarding Hoosiers by Planning, Preparing and Responding." "Safeguarding Hoosiers", two simple words but complex in practice, is the driving force behind not only what we do at IDHS but also what our numerous partners across the state do to protect our fellow citizens from a myriad of potential emergencies.

First responders, emergency management officials, and public health officials, to name a few, are in a field that demands they get up every morning with the mission of "safeguarding Hoosiers." If you asked any one of these professionals, I am confident they could detail for you exactly how they would fully protect their fellow citizens if they had unlimited resources. Unfortunately, resources are limited so the men and women

who desire deeply to "safeguard Hoosiers" must make tough choices and strike delicate balances to provide the best possible safety and security measures for the citizens they serve.

Recent media reports regarding weather sirens may leave the impression Indiana is not doing enough to protect its citizens due to a lack of sirens or sirens in disrepair. Although all hazard sirens can offer warning to

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Indiana to Participate in Potentially Largest Exercise Conducted in U.S.

In June 2007, IDHS and numerous other Indiana state agencies will participate in the Spill of National Significance 2007 (SONS07) exercise. This multi-state exercise will mark a few firsts for the U.S. Coast Guard exercise program. For the first time, a SONS exercise will take place inland rather than on U.S. coastal waters, involve a natural disaster rather than major marine vessel casualties, and include FEMA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Central United States Earthquake Consortium as co-sponsors.

SONS07, a full-scale exercise, will test local, state, and federal response to large oil and hazardous substance releases resulting from a New Madrid earthquake. Such an incident within the New Madrid fault system, which includes Indiana, would involve numerous overlapping authorities, jurisdictions and response priorities. The exercise will highlight the need to utilize the National Response Plan in addition to evaluating local emergency response, operations, and mitigation plans.

The multi-state, multi-

agency exercise has the potential to be the largest full-scale exercise ever executed within the country. Currently, 13 states, including Indiana, will participate in SONS07 with the possibility of more.

Indiana committed to a functional level of play in SONS07 and already participated in exercise concept development and planning. Additionally, the state recently hosted a planning conference that included representatives from Illinois, Kentucky and Michigan.

IDHS will serve as the coordinating agency for Indiana's involvement in SONS 07. Other state agencies currently committed to participate in the exercise include the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Indiana National Guard. IDHS will soon contact counties and municipalities to seek local participation in a landmark exercise which will advance Indiana and the nation's preparedness.

For more information on Indiana's role in SONS07, contact Ken Woodall, Exercise Section Training Chief, IDHS Division of Training at 317-232-4680 or kwoodall@dhs.in.gov.



A Message from the State Fire Marshal...

Fireworks in Indiana have been viewed as one of the states most confusing legal battles for nearly a decade. Years of citizens purchasing "illegal" fireworks and signing a piece of paper promising to discharge them out of state have been scoffed at or openly laughed at by numerous normally law abiding Hoosiers.

At the same time, firefighter training issues have become an issue on the forefront with nearly every fire department in our state. Rank and file instructors and firefighters have been asking why Indiana was one of only a few states in the nation that failed to provide any state supported fire and emergency training.

Finally, an opportunity to

resolve both issues presented itself. About a year ago, representatives from the fireworks industry and fire service initiated a dialog on the following issues:

- Regulating consumer fireworks, clarifying the law, and providing guidance for enforcement issues related to discharging fireworks that until this time had gone totally unregulated by law enforcement and fire officials.
- An opportunity to impose a public safety fee on fireworks sale that would provide funding for firefighter education state wide in conjunction with IDHS regional training initiatives.
- Provide a disaster relief fund that would support first responders and

communities during serious emergencies, for resources not covered by federal funding.

- Provide funds for public education on fireworks safety.

During this past legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly passed HB 1099 which received the support of every fire service organization in the state. In March, Governor Daniels signed the bill into law and paved the way for a new way of doing business for firefighter training and regulation of consumer fireworks.

Under the new law, fireworks are divided into three categories:

- Consumer Fireworks which includes bottle rockets,

roman candles and fire crackers.

- Section 8 (a) which includes sparklers, ground spinners, cone fountains, wheels and cylindrical fountains.
- Special Fireworks which are all fireworks that require a permit from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATFE) prior to purchase, storage or use.

The new law also requires those purchasing fireworks be at least 18 years of age and specifically defines when and where fireworks may be ignited. Additionally, for the first time in Indiana, there are legal penalties that may be imposed against anyone

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May EMA Spotlight...

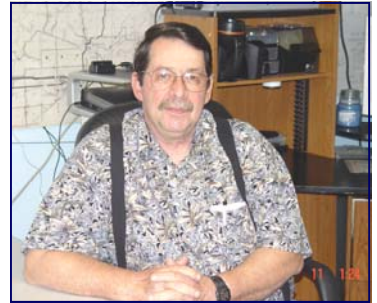
FRANKLIN COUNTY

Ed Hollenbach is the director of the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency. He is a life-long resident of Franklin County and accepted the director's position in 1994 after retiring from Procter and Gamble after 33 years as a research bio-chemist. Ed is also in his 25th year of service as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician with Franklin County Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Additionally, he serves on Franklin County EMS' board and is chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Commission. Ed serves a part-time director and, to date, assisted Franklin County in

working through nine disaster declarations.

Franklin County EMA Progress:

- Utilized Homeland Security Grant Program funds to develop interoperable communication in Franklin County.
- Utilizing the assistance of the EMA's 12 volunteer members, established an emergency operations center in the county seat.
- Organized the Franklin County Chiefs Association, which includes eight law enforcement agencies, the County Coroner, Army Corp
- of Engineers, eight fire departments, five EMS units, Franklin County Communications, the Department of Natural Resources, and the EMA.
- Participated in the writing of a new Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, including the terrorism element for Franklin County.
- Assisted with the purchase and installation of all new radio equipment for emergency response personnel within the county.



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John Streeter is the director of the Knox County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. John started his career in emergency services with the Vincennes Township Fire department in 1989 and is now a full time Captain with the City of Vincennes Fire Department. John started his tenure with the Knox County EMA in the mid 1990's and assumed the full time duties as director for Knox County in 2004. He serves as a part-time director. The Knox County EMA works closely with the numerous emergency response agencies within the county, which includes two technician level HazMat response teams, a confined space team, two rope rescue teams, two water rescue teams and a SWAT team. The county is also

home to one of the state's mass casualty trailers.

Knox County EMA Progress:

- Utilized Homeland Security Grant Program funds to:
 - ♦ Equip the county's 13 fire departments with 800 MHz interoperable radios, air monitoring devices, and tactical command boards.
 - ♦ Equip the county's five law enforcement agencies with 800 MHz interoperable radios.
 - ♦ Purchase a CBRNE response watercraft, mobile command decontamination unit, and an all-terrain vehicle.
 - ♦ Purchase Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for the county's sheriff department.
- Currently, the Knox County EMA is updating its Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), focusing on county-wide NIMS training, working with the Old Post Amateur Radio Society and the County Sky Warn System, equipping the County Emergency Operations Center, and working with County Surveyor on utilization of county's orthophotography and GIS system.
- The Knox County EMA works closely with Vincennes University which offers an Associates Degree in Emergency Management and a Bachelors Degree in Homeland Security.



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IDHS Fire and Building Code Inspectors Merge into New Section

Last month, IDHS took steps to advance the safety of all Hoosiers in structures throughout the state. Inspection officials who were formerly part of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and Office of the State Building Commissioner combined to form the Fire and Building Code Enforcement Section within the Code Enforcement and Plan Review Branch of IDHS' Division of Fire and Building Safety.

The Fire and Building Enforcement Section will eventually consist of 40 inspectors with specialized training in either fire prevention or building inspection in four districts within the state based upon population and geography. Assistant Section Directors will supervise each district and report to the Section Director. One of the Assistant Section

Directors will supervise specifically a group of inspectors trained for inspecting child day care facilities.

This new section will continue to provide all existing services of fire and building inspectors but with increased efficiency. These services include:

- Inspection of all Class I buildings while under construction;
- Periodic maintenance inspections of all government owned buildings and places of entertainment;
- Inspection of day-care and health-care facilities;
- Consultation with design professionals, building owners and local units of government;
- In-plant inspections of industrialized buildings; and

- Providing training to local fire and building departments.

A recent change to laws regarding fireworks in Indiana provides the Fire and Building Enforcement Section its first major task. The section must develop and execute an inspection plan of the more than 1,500 fireworks sales outlets in Indiana prior to June 30.

In order to provide more timely inspection reports, the Fire and Building Enforcement Section staff will also receive additional training in electronic data processing, collection and dissemination. The section will also begin utilizing 'instant' on-site reports to document and provide notices of certain types of corrective action in a more user-friendly

format.

The Fire and Building Enforcement Section's consolidation efforts, combined with increased code training of both field and office staff, will aid in quicker responses and better quality. The section will operate more efficiently and become an asset from local government to designers, to contractors, to the business community and end users of commercial buildings in the State of Indiana.

For more information on the Fire and Building Code Enforcement Section, contact Shelly Wakefield, Fire and Building Code Enforcement Section Director, IDHS Division of Fire and Building Safety, at 317-232-1407 or swakefield@dhs.in.gov.

Indiana Committed to Planning for Pan Flu

On September 15, 2005, when the President spoke to the nation from New Orleans, Louisiana, he stated: "Our cities must have clear and up-to-date plans for responding to natural disasters, and disease outbreaks, or a terrorist attack, for evacuating large numbers of people in an emergency, and for providing the food and water and security they would need. In a time of terror threats and weapons of mass destruction, the danger to our citizens reaches much wider than a fault line or a flood plain. I consider detailed emergency planning to be a national security priority."

There has been a significant amount of interest in avian influenza and a possible human influenza pandemic recently. While this has

helped increase awareness, it has also created some confusion and even misinformation among those who need accurate information the most - the public.

With the rapid spread of the avian flu across Asia, Europe and Africa, it is a fact that warnings of the potential for an influenza pandemic affecting birds or humans must be taken seriously. Indiana is aggressively preparing for the possibility of a future influenza pandemic. In March, a Pandemic Influenza State Summit was held at Purdue University. This event brought together officials and subject matter experts from the public and private sectors to discuss steps that could be taken to minimize the impact of a future pandemic in our state.

State agencies are working hard to expand "Continuity of Operations" and "Continuity of Government" plans to ensure that essential services and operations will continue to be provided during a pandemic. IDHS and other state agencies are also working to educate and inform the public concerning steps and preparations needed if a pandemic were to occur.

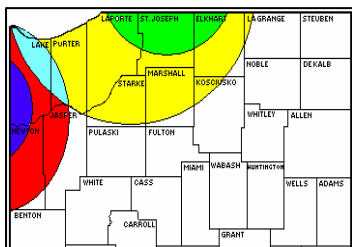
The citizens of Indiana - our customers - expect us to do the right thing all the time. Anything that would occur outside this norm endangers an unwritten bond of trust the public has with their government. Any time errors or omissions occur that are caused by a failure to properly respond, that trust becomes endangered. Whether we are tasked with planning for a

human influenza pandemic, bird influenza, or updating our natural hazards planning process, IDHS, the Indiana State Department of Health, the Indiana Board of Animal Health, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and other agencies are all committed to continually improving our planning process and incorporating best practices from both the public and private sectors to meet the needs and requirements of Indiana's communities.

Learn more about avian influenza and pandemic influenza at www.fluinfo.in.gov.

IDHS' Radiation Training Program: Protecting the Crossroads of America

Indiana's motto, "The Crossroads of America", signifies the numerous transportation routes that crisscross our centrally located state. Travelers and businesses across the nation often view Indiana's transportation system as a first-rate system vital to moving people and goods across the country. The IDHS' Radiological Training Program, however, views the transportation system of Indiana, specifically road and rail, in a different light.



Above: Indiana counties within an Ingestion EPZ.

Due to the location of Indiana and its extensive transportation system, at any given time shipments of radiological materials are crossing the state. In fact, 45 of Indiana's counties are located on transportation routes that carry such materials.

In addition to serving as a major transportation route for radiological material, 11 Indiana counties are within the Ingestion Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of four nuclear power plants located in Illinois and Michigan. The Ingestion EPZ is an area within a 50-mile radius of a plant.

IDHS' Radiological Training Program monitors the shipment of radiological materials through Indiana, provides training for a local response in the event of a radiological incident, and is a participant in Ingestion EPZ planning and exercises.

Permitting Radiological Transport

A company transporting radiological materials through Indiana must apply for a permit from IDHS and pay a fee in order to move the shipments through the state. In addition to raising funds to purchase monitoring equipment, this program enables IDHS to notify local responders of shipments moving through their area.

Low-level radiological material is \$100 per shipment, while high-level material is \$1,000 per shipment. Over the past three years, the state received nearly \$50,000 from the issuance of the radiological shipment permits.

Monitoring and Training

Utilizing grant funds obtained through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the radiological shipment fund, the IDHS Radiological Training Program provides emergency management agencies in counties on radiological shipment routes and within an Ingestion EPZ with radiological monitors that monitor alpha particles, beta particles and gamma rays. Only agencies that received radiological training through IDHS are eligible to receive the monitors.

Utilizing the Modular Emergency Response Transportation Training (MERTT) program designed by the DOE, the IDHS Radiological Training Program offers an eight-hour course to emergency responders on how to respond to a radiological event. The training educates participants on types of radiation, radiation exposure and contamination, units used to measure radiation and identifying proper marking and papers required for radiological shipments.

The training also includes response procedures, basic protective measures, decontamination, and patient handling. Several levels of radiological training are available for emergency responders, including awareness and technician levels.

The provision of MERTT training is one of the great successes of the Radiological Training Program. In Indiana, more emergency responders received MERTT training than any other state from 2000 to 2004. The over 1,000 responders trained during this time period was more than any other state had trained without the use of outside trainers.



Sites Cleaned Up but Work Not Ending

The clean up of the Fernald site, a former DOE uranium processing facility located near Cincinnati, caused a large amount of radiological shipments through Indiana over the past years. Although the work there is near an end, the work of the IDHS Radiological Training Program will not diminish.

Shipments of radiological waste from areas elsewhere in the eastern portion of the United States continue to traverse our state and nuclear power plants continue to operate in neighboring states. Additionally, as attention turns to shipment of radiological waste to Yucca Mountain in Nevada the IDHS Radiological Training Program will continue to work to protect "The Crossroads of America."

Multi-State August Exercise Focuses on Protecting Citizens from Radioactivity

On August 9, the State of Indiana will participate with the State of Illinois in an Ingestion Pathway Program exercise. The aim of this exercise, which Indiana participates in every six years, is to train on protecting the public from consumption of food and water potentially contaminated with radioactivity released during a nuclear power plant incident. In addition to IDHS, several other state agencies will participate, including the Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Indiana's participation in the Ingestion Pathway Program is a result of the state's proximity to four nuclear power stations in the states of Illinois and Michigan. Eleven counties within Indiana are within 50 miles of one of these plants placing them in an Ingestion Emergency Planning Zone (Ingestion EPZ).

The August exercise will surround an incident at the Braidwood Station nuclear power plant located near Braidwood, Illinois. Indiana's typical involvement in Ingestion Pathway Program exercises revolve around engaging the state's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). However, in addition to activating the state's EOC during this year's exercise, Ingestion EPZ counties will participate, including a field of play planned for LaPorte County, particularly in and around the Michigan City area.

For more information on the Radiological Training Program, contact Joe Bell, Response Specialties Section Chief, IDHS Division of Training at 317-233-4480 or jbell@dhs.in.gov.

EMS Section to Hold Provider Meetings Statewide

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Section of IDHS' Fire and Building Safety Division will hold EMS Provider meetings statewide during May and June.

The agenda of the approximately two hour meeting includes:

- A presentation by the Indiana State Department of Health entitled "Pandemic Influenza: What's the Fuss About?"
- An update on Emergency Medical Dispatch.
- Indiana's Plan for Mass Casualty Response.
- Updates on other issues

regarding emergency medical Services in Indiana.

The meetings are open to all emergency medical services personnel.

Following are the dates and sites for the provider meetings:

May 23 1:30PM (EDT)

Washington County Hospital Classroom
Salem

May 24 6:30PM (EDT)

Ohio County EMS/Fire/911 Center
Conference Center
Rising Sun

May 30 1:00PM (CDT)

Daviess Community Hospital
Classrooms 1 & 2
Washington

May 31 6:30PM (EDT)

Owen Valley High School
State Road 46 West
Spencer

June 5 1:00PM (EDT)

Lutheran Hospital
Special Function Room
7950 West Jefferson Street
Fort Wayne

June 7 1:00PM (EDT)

Ball Memorial Hospital
Auditorium
2401 University Avenue
Muncie

June 13 12:00PM (CDT)

Porter Memorial Hospital
Stoner Auditorium
Valparaiso

June 20 2:00PM (EDT)

Hendricks Regional Health
Conference Room 7 & 8
West Tower
1000 East Main Street
Danville

June 14 1:00PM (EDT)

St. Elizabeth Hospital
School of Nursing Auditorium
Lafayette

For more information on the EMS Provider Meetings, contact Sherrie Crain, EMS Section Director, IDHS Division of Fire and Building Safety, at 317-232-6788 or scrain@dhs.in.gov.

NIMS Corner...

Visit the NIMS ALERT page at www.fema.gov/nims/

ICS 300 Level Course Available in Indiana

Effective coordination, integration, communications and planning among local, state and federal response agencies are critical to effective response to mass-casualty, CBRNE or terrorist incidents. ICS 300 is a 24-hour course focused on the special challenges faced by senior-level incident management personnel in dealing with a CBRNE or terrorist incident, especially those posed by the integration of local, state, and federal agencies and departments into a unified command structure.

Course participants represent supervisory personnel from fire services, law enforcement, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, emergency management, emergency communications, rescue, public health, and public works agencies. Upon course completion, participants will possess a working knowledge of local, state, and federal agency roles and responsibilities and their integration into a unified

command for managing terrorism and CBRNE incidents, as well as other incidents of national significance.

ICS 300 uses a multidiscipline, jurisdictional teambuilding approach to accomplish the learning objectives and consists of lectures, small group discussions, participant activities, multimedia scenarios, and a tabletop exercise. The course focuses on applying the "all-hazards" command and management structures found in NIMS to the unique requirements required for responding to CBRNE or terrorist incidents, to include:

- Identifying and assessing a CBRNE or terrorist incident;
- Planning for and initiating a unified command using NIMS command and management structures (i.e. Incident Command System (ICS));
- Defining the operating characteristics, interactive management component and organizational

structure of supporting incident management entities at the federal, state, tribal, regional and local levels as prescribed by the National Response Plan; and

- Identifying the public information systems available to communicate timely and accurate information to the public during crisis or emergency situations.

Course Prerequisites:

The preferred prerequisite courses for ICS 300 is the Texas Engineer Extension Service (TEEX) on-line course entitled WMD-006: Incident Management / Unified Command Concepts, which is available at <http://teexwmdcampus.com> and completion of AWR-160, The "WMD Awareness-Level Training Course" Other similar awareness-level courses will be considered on a "case by case" basis. Additional suggested prerequisites include ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800.

All course participants must work in a supervisory, training or managerial capacity in one of the following disciplines or services: law enforcement, emergency medical services, emergency management agency, fire service, hazardous materials, public works, governmental administration, or public health. Participants must also have completed a WMD (CBRNE) or terrorism incident awareness course.

ICS 300 Course Dates and Locations:

- June 6-8: Grissom Air Reserve Base
- June 13-15: Sellersburg
- June 20-22: Columbia City
- June 27-29: Indianapolis

Please check the IDHS Training Division calendar for updates and additions at www.in.gov/dhs.

For more information on ICS 300, contact, contact Joe Bell, Response Specialties Section Chief, IDHS Division of Training at 317-233-4480 or jbelle@dhs.in.gov.

From the Desk of Director Dietz *cont'd from pg. 1*

citizens to protect themselves, their usefulness is limited due to a lack in range, high maintenance costs, and frequent inability for the sound to penetrate indoors.

Additionally, these media reports suggest millions of dollars in homeland security funds are available for the taking to acquire all hazard sirens. These reports trouble me a bit because they only tell a small portion of the story of "safeguarding Hoosiers."

While utilizing Homeland Security Grant Program funds for all hazards sirens is allowable under the federal fiscal year 2005 guidance, Indiana has several priorities to "safeguard Hoosiers" with these funds that include:

- Planning
- Training
- Exercising
- Interoperable Communications
- Critical Infrastructure Hardening
- NIMS Compliance
- Ensuring adequate personal protective equipment for first responders

These priorities are based upon the Indiana Strategy for Homeland Security, a long-

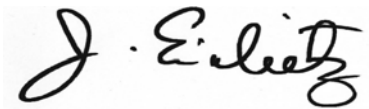
term vision for homeland security in Indiana. IDHS included input from our partners at the federal, state and local levels in developing this strategy, which received approval by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Severe weather is a certainty in Indiana. However, the funds we collectively decide to place into the priorities listed above will pay huge dividends in our response whether it is a terrorist event or a tornado. Proper planning, training, exercises, and equipment will enable our first responders and emergency managers to know exactly what to do to aid their community and how to communicate with each other properly to act effectively and decisively.

Although I am disappointed the recent media reports concerning sirens do not fully explore how our funding priorities "safeguard Hoosiers" for any event, I am pleased the reports highlighted the importance and usefulness of all hazards alert radios. Recently, the Indiana Citizen Corps, a program administered by IDHS, awarded 1,500 of these radios to Citizens Corps Councils around the state. In turn, these local

councils will distribute them to groups including schools, libraries, mobile home parks, nursing homes, daycare facilities, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), senior citizens, and specials needs populations. I hope the added attention to all hazards alert radios will prompt Hoosiers to purchase them for their homes and places of large gatherings.

Without a doubt, determining priorities and making difficult decisions will always be a part of our job. But as long as our top priority remains "safeguarding Hoosiers", our fellow citizens can rest assured someone is looking out for their safety and security.



IDHS' New Mobile Command Center Arrives *cont'd from pg. 1*

groups and mutual aid intergraded into each station

- A system to enable interoperability and additional capability for amateur radio operations

IDHS will officially unveil the MCC in June. During late summer and early fall, staff from

IDHS' Division of Emergency Response and Recovery will travel to each of the state's ten homeland security districts to display the MCC. During the visits, IDHS will discuss with local responders the center's capabilities and how it will benefit response efforts at the local level.



Left: Equipment on-board the MCC include two 42-inch flat screen monitors and a GIS workstation with a large-scale plotter (far left).

A Message from the State Fire Marshal *cont'd from pg. 2*

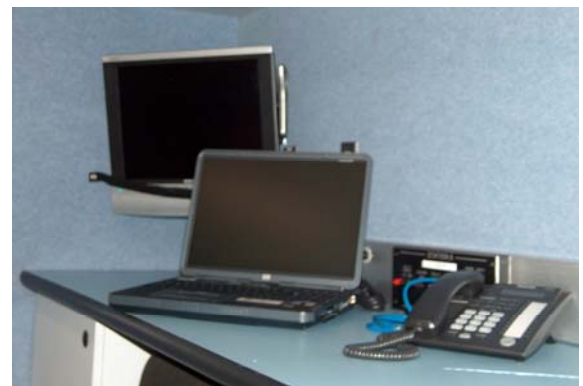
violating the law and law enforcement and fire officials have defined guidelines to assist them in the performance of their duties.

For complete details on the new regulations please visit IDHS' web site.

For more information on new fireworks regulations and applications, visit www.in.gov/dhs or CLICK HERE.



Right: Each workstation on the MCC includes a laptop and telephone.





Announcements

Division Announcements:

Fire and Building Safety Division

- The **Emergency Response Conference** is scheduled for September 15-17, 2006. You can view a list of the awards given and submit nominations for the **Annual EMS Commission Awards** presented at the conference at www.in.gov/dhs/fire/branches/ems/awardpackage.html or contact Becky Blagrove, Emergency Services Branch, IDHS Division of Fire and Building Safety, at bblagrove@dhs.in.gov. Nominations will be accepted until August 26.

Planning Division

- The **Grants Management Branch will conduct two training workshops for EMA directors** or their representative. The first workshop is mandatory and will address the required Biannual Strategy Implementation Report. This workshop is offered on June 14 or 15. Class size is limited so RSVP early to ensure you can attend on your preferred date. The second workshop will address general grants management and is scheduled for July 12. Although not mandatory, attendance is strongly suggested as every aspect of managing a homeland security grant will be covered. Please submit RSVP no later than June 1 for the workshops to C.J. Teegarden, Grants Management Branch, IDHS Division of Planning at 317-233-3485 or cjteegarden@dhs.in.gov.

Training Division

- Calling the Mayday: Hands on Training**, a video and course is available for free to every fire department in the United States. In it, students will learn the importance of setting "Mayday" parameters, ways to drill and have your firefighters practice, when to call "Mayday", and self-protection skills that every firefighter needs. After reviewing the video and course material and successfully completing the test, a certificate will be issued from the National Fire Academy. To receive your free copy, which includes the lesson plans, support articles, and testing, send a letter of request on official letterhead to:

Publications Office
National Emergency Training Center
Build I Room 120
16825 South Seton Ave
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727
Or fax a letter to: 301-447-1213

- The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) announced the second **Annual National Firefighter Safety Stand Down** is scheduled to commence June 21 and continue until all personnel and duty nights are covered. The focus of this year's stand down is emergency vehicle safety. For more information, visit the IAFC website at www.iafc.org.

General Announcements:

- Looking for equipment? Check out the **Helping Our Own (HOO)** website at www.helpingourown.org for a inventory list of firefighting equipment. HOO is a non-profit organization with more than five years experience in providing donated and refurbished firefighting equipment and apparatus at no cost to nearly 500 fire departments and other first responders through the United States.
- To register to **receive The Hoosier Responder via e-mail** [CLICK HERE](#). Beginning with the September issue of *The Hoosier Responder*, IDHS will solely use the distribution listed created by e-mails submitted to this website. Over the next few months, we will continue to send out the newsletter via current IDHS e-mail distribution lists. As a result, you may receive duplicate copies after registering your e-mail address at the above website. We respectfully request your patience as we build our distribution list.



May 14-20 was National EMS Week. Governor Daniels also proclaimed the week Emergency Medical Services Week in Indiana. Emergency medical services is provided by numerous responders, including firefighters, law enforcement, first responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics. IDHS commends these highly trained professionals who serve on the frontline of medical response and perform life-saving efforts!

Congratulations!

IDHS would like to extend a congratulations to Jeff Miller, Lake County EMA Director, for his recent appointment to Lake County Executive Committee by the U.S. Coast Guard. The newly formed committee will oversee security issues involving Lake Michigan and its ports.

Jeff's appointment is in recognition of his expertise and respect among his peers in emergency management matters. His appointment is not only an acknowledgement of his skills but is also a tremendous benefit to the citizens of Indiana to have such a dedicated person serving them.

Congratulations, Jeff!

Mark Your Calendar!



June 6

Fire & Building Safety Commission Meeting
(Indianapolis)

June 7

Boiler & Pressure Vessel Rules Board
(Indianapolis)

June 27-29

National CSEPP Workshop
(Indianapolis)

June 28

EMA Directors Conference Call

July 6

Fire & Building Safety Commission Meeting
(Indianapolis)

July 10

IERC Meeting
(Indianapolis)

July 12

Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board
Meeting
(Indianapolis)

July 21

EMS Commission Meeting
(Indianapolis)

July 26

EMA Directors Conference Call

August 21-23

Indiana Fire Investigators Conference
(Indianapolis)

August 30

EMA Directors Conference Call



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